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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, including a four page attachment;
3. The Three Month Extension of Time Fee of **\$1,020.00** is included with this submission and is being paid via online credit card payment.

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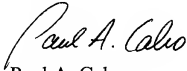
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